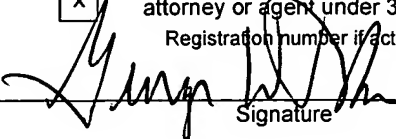


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2005</b> (fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> 56786(70301)	
<b>Application Number</b> 10/034,545		<b>Filed</b> December 21, 2001	
<b>For</b> LENGTHWISE ADJUSTABLE SPACE- MAINTAINER FOR INSERTING BETWEEN TWO VERTEBRAL BODIES			
<b>Art Unit</b> 3732		<b>Examiner</b> P. Philogene	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
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I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).			
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